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1. Prior to 1 December 1950, the 7th VP Bereitschaft in Land Thuringia was stationed in Muehlhausen and organized into a Stabskommando with radio platoon and three Kommandos. The 1st Kommando consisted of computers, the 2d Kommando engaged in training with light field howitzers, and the 3d Kommando engaged in training with heavy field howitzers.
2. Upon completion of the training period, the 7th and 8th VP Bereitschaften of Land Thuringia in Muehlhausen were merged on 1 December 1950. The unit remained in the Coermar Kaserne and the "B"-Camp. Police recruits arrived in early December 1950. The new training period was scheduled to begin on 2 January 1951.
3. The officers of the newly organized Bereitschaft included VP Oberrat Eschitschke, (fnu), "B"-Camp commander; VP-Rat Bierschenk, (fnu), PK chief; VP-Rat Becker, (fnu), commanding officer of the artillery Kommandos; VP Oberkommissar Korsinski, (fnu), PK officer of the artillery Kommandos; and VP-Oberrat Gabriel, (fnu), director of training in the "B"-Camp. VP-Kommandeur Ernst, (fnu), the former commanding officer of the 7th Bereitschaft, left for an undetermined reassignment.
4. In addition to small arms, the new Bereitschaft was equipped with three model 18 heavy field howitzers, three model 18 light field howitzers, three 75-mm AT guns, two heavy 105-mm infantry guns, one model 43 88-mm AT gun, three Soviet 122-mm field howitzers, and three Soviet 76.2-mm AT guns. The Soviet artillery pieces were kept in a locked building. The infantry ammunition was stored in eight bunkers. No other than practice ammunition was available for the artillery pieces. The equipment of the Bereitschaft also included 12 aiming circles, 1 battery commander's telescope, 12 field glasses, 6 compasses, 25 coordinate scales, and 25 map protractors.

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5. Changes within the Volkspolizei since the beginning of December 1950 allegedly effected all VP Bereitschaften and school. It was said that new combat units would be activated, each consisting of an infantry Kommando, an artillery Kommando, a tank Kommando, and a fourth Kommando of a mortar platoon and a signal platoon.

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